Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has been a national leader in preparing world-class engineers and scientists since 1885; and,

Whereas, Graduates design, construct, and operate the most modern technology to meet complex challenges such as climate change, bioenergy, mineral extraction and processing, advanced materials, environmental quality, and national defense; and,

Whereas, The longstanding connections between the School of Mines and the community began in 1885 when the university was established to meet the growing research needs of the mining industry, led by Homestake, and continues today with the conversion of the mine into a national laboratory; and,

Whereas, The School of Mines and Technology continues to prepare leaders in engineering and science and collaborates with their colleagues to transform Homestake into a world-class laboratory to further exceptional research and discoveries not yet imagined; and,

Whereas, Rugged individuals and pioneers in engineering and science founded the School of Mines' intellectual environment more than a century ago, and, with the university's faculty, staff, students, and alumni carry on the tradition today; and,

Whereas, Throughout 2010, the School of Mines will celebrate 125 years of award-winning faculty, staff, and students collaborating to solve issues of critical importance to South Dakota, the nation, and the world:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2010, as

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY DAY

in South Dakota, and encourage citizens to celebrate the legacy of educating the leaders of tomorrow.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State